



Wauwatosa

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Winter 2018 Newsletter

New in 2018

The 2018 budget adds new programs and services in Wauwatosa:

- Hiring a Crime Analyst, enabling us to be even more effective at fighting crime.
- Adding a 2nd K9 unit to increase availability to more police shifts.
- Visioning for an East Tosa police substation.
- Using technology with a GIS Manager to more efficiently deploy public works staff and to better communicate using maps.
- Pilot testing a more efficient leaf collection system.
- Adding \$50,000 for pedestrian safety enhancements, such as crosswalks and flashing pedestrian beacons.
- Launching a program called *Hidden in Plain Sight* to educate parents on signs of drug use to watch for at home.

The budget is available online at www.wauwatosa.net.

Voting Locations Changing in 2018

Ten voting locations have changed in 2018, reducing the number of polling places, eliminating the cost of staffing school voting locations with police officers, and providing more on-site parking for voters. Registered voters in affected wards will receive postcards in the mail in January notifying them of the change in advance of the February 20 Spring Primary Election. Voting locations are also available at <https://myvote.wi.gov> and www.wauwatosa.net.

Ward	Old Voting Location (2017)	New Voting Location (2018)
6 and 7	Wilson School	Muellner Building in Hart Park 7300 Chestnut Street
8	Public Works Building	O'Donnell Room at San Camillo 10200 W Blue Mound Road
9	Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Hall	O'Donnell Room at San Camillo 10200 W Blue Mound Road
11 and 12	Jefferson School	Muellner Building at Hart Park 7300 Chestnut Street
14 and 15	Roosevelt School	Firefly Room at the Library 7635 W North Avenue
16 and 17	McKinley School	Grand Hall at Hoyt Park 1800 N Swan Boulevard
20	Public Works Building	Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Hall 12012 W North Avenue
21	Mt. Zion Lutheran Church	O'Donnell Room at San Camillo 10200 W Blue Mound Road
23 and 24	Madison School	Cultural Center at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church 9400 W Congress Street

Save the Date: 2018 Elections

- * February 20
- * April 3
- * August 14
- * November 6

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MAYOR'S CORNER

Message from Mayor Kathleen Ehley

I recently hosted a press conference where I and 18 other mayors, including Milwaukee Mayor Barrett and Waukesha Mayor Reilly, spoke against "dark store" practices - a loophole in state law that allows big box retailers to seek millions in property tax reductions by comparing their stores to buildings

that are vacant. We have worked with our state legislators to draft Bills 291 and 292 to stop the shift of tax burden onto homeowners and small businesses. Both bills were approved by committee last fall with bi-partisan sponsorship, but leadership has not allowed them to come for a vote. The state legislature is only in session a few days this month and then not until fall. Timing is critical.

In Wauwatosa, we face property tax challenges from retailers like Nordstrom, Lowes, Menards, Walgreens, Best Buy, Meijers and more. If they all win, it could mean a \$386 tax bill increase annually for the average Wauwatosa homeowner to maintain the city services we have today.

Michigan and Indiana have experienced dark store practices for years, resulting in negative impacts on individuals, small business taxpayers, and municipal services. They recently adopted laws similar to what is proposed in Wisconsin.

Now is the time to learn more about this issue and let the state legislature know your opinion on the "dark store" loophole.

Community Health Profile

Four Health Priorities for 2018 - 2022 Now Selected

In September, the Wauwatosa Health Department hosted a meeting with over 30 community partners to discuss the health of Wauwatosa residents. During the meeting, participants were presented with qualitative and quantitative data about the health needs in Wauwatosa and were asked to select their top health priorities for the community. The participants selected the following major areas:

1. Healthy Community
2. Mental Health across the Lifespan
3. Substance Use
4. Personal Safety and Injury Prevention

These health priority areas form the foundation of the 2018 - 2022 Wauwatosa Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Since September, the Wauwatosa Health Department has continued to meet with its community partners to further develop the CHIP. Over the course of numerous meetings, the partners discussed and selected goals and strategies to achieve over the next five years to positively impact the health of Wauwatosa residents. The 2018 - 2022 Wauwatosa Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) will be available on the city's website in early 2018.

"We encourage everyone to review the plan, as well as to participate in the activities that are of interest to you. Thank you to everyone who participated in helping to set the vision for the next five years. Together, we can make Wauwatosa a healthier place to live, work, learn and play," shared Laura Conklin, Public Health Officer.



CITY OF WAUWATOSA News in Brief



* How to Register to Vote

Have you recently moved to Wauwatosa or moved to a different home in Wauwatosa? Does your driver's license or Wisconsin issued ID card contain your current name and Wauwatosa address? Then you can register to vote online at <https://myvote.wi.gov>. If your driver's license or ID card does not have your current information, you can complete the registration form, print it, and mail it to the City Clerk's office, along with a proof of residence document. You can also register in person at the City Clerk's Office with your proof of residence document. Examples of accepted proof of residence documents are online at www.wauwatosa.net/voterregistrationinfo.

* Poll Workers Needed

Have you ever thought about working at the polls on election day? This is a great way to give back to your community, and the City of Wauwatosa is always looking for dependable individuals to serve as poll workers. Training is provided prior to each election, and poll workers are paid for working on election days. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 414-479-8917 or cledesma@wauwatosa.net for more information.

* Holiday Tree & Wreath Collection

Christmas trees and wreaths are collected curbside beginning January 2 through the entire month of January. Real Christmas trees or wreaths that are clear of wrappings, wire, metal, nails, and tree stands can be placed at the curb on your regular collection day. They will be chipped into mulch. Do not place trees or wreaths in alleys. Artificial trees and wreaths should be disposed of in the garbage or donated.

* Public Art at Hart Park

Three pieces of public art will be installed at Hart Park this summer until late fall. We will soon be releasing images of the proposed artworks and open up public voting about your favorite pieces, which will determine what we install. We can't wait to hear from you! Stay tuned on our social media pages and website for more details soon.

* Financial Snapshot Newsletter Now Available

Check out www.wauwatosa.net to find a newly released newsletter called the Wauwatosa Financial Snapshot. It shares information about the 2018 budget, Wauwatosa's tax rate compared to other communities in the state, our Aaa Bond Rating, our debt capacity, where your property taxes go, a Q&A on development, and more. The Financial Snapshot is intended to shine a light on our finances and enhance transparency.



Recycling Reminders

In Wisconsin, 2 million tons of material is kept out of the landfill and recycled each year. In 2016 Wauwatosa recycled 5,183 tons of materials. We would love for this number to be higher. Don't forget to put all these items in your recycling cart at the curb.

Did you know?

- Recycling 1 ton of glass saves 10 gallons of oil.
- Recycling 1 ton of plastic saves 2,000 gallons of gasoline.
- Recycling glass reduces mining waste by 80%.

Statistics from WI DNR.



New City Website in 2018

Have you been frustrated when trying to use the city's website to find information? You aren't alone. We agree that it is tough to navigate and needs significant improvement. The city funded development of a new city website in 2017 and work has been underway since October of last year. The new website will feature an easier system to "Get It Done" (i.e. complete business with the city), more news, and will be easier to read and navigate.

The unveiling of the new website is anticipated in Spring 2018. Melissa Weiss, Communications Manager, says, "We are excited about the launch of our new website as a mechanism to improve communications with the public. The website is just a first step toward this goal. In Wauwatosa we know that we can always enhance service delivery, and we look forward to taking a few critical steps towards that goal in 2018 and many more in future years."

Some of the things to look forward to in late 2018 or early 2019 will include more map based communications, such as maps showing construction sites and project updates. In the 2018 budget, the city funded a new position of GIS Manager, which will enable us to take these important steps forward for modern communications enhancements. We can't wait and we hope you will join us in our enthusiasm for this exciting enhancement!

Winter Garbage & Recycling Cart Placement Tips

Proper cart placement is especially important during winter months, allowing our collection team to more efficiently collect garbage and recycling throughout the city.

- Have your carts out by 7:00 am on collection day.
- Carts must be immediately behind the curb or at the alley edge.
- Do not put carts in the street or sidewalk.
- Three feet of clearance around your cart is necessary for collection.
- Clear a curb or driveway area of snow and do not put carts on top of snow drifts.
- Make sure all your materials fit inside your cart.
- Are you a backyard collection resident? Clear a path that is at least 3.5 feet wide from the cart location to the street.

"Do you have any questions about your garbage and recycling service? Give us a call at 414-471-8422. We would be happy to answer them."

- David Simpson
Director of Public Works

CITY OF WAUWATOSA Construction & Development News



2018 Road Construction

Underwood and Woodland Avenues

Utility and street reconstruction is planned for Underwood and Woodland Avenues beginning in Spring 2018 through about Thanksgiving; this date is weather dependent. We plan to replace the storm sewer, sanitary sewer main, and water main, which were installed between 1901 and 1922. The roadway will be reconstructed and sidewalks, curbs, and street trees will be replaced as necessary. There is a video overview of the project available on our YouTube channel and website.

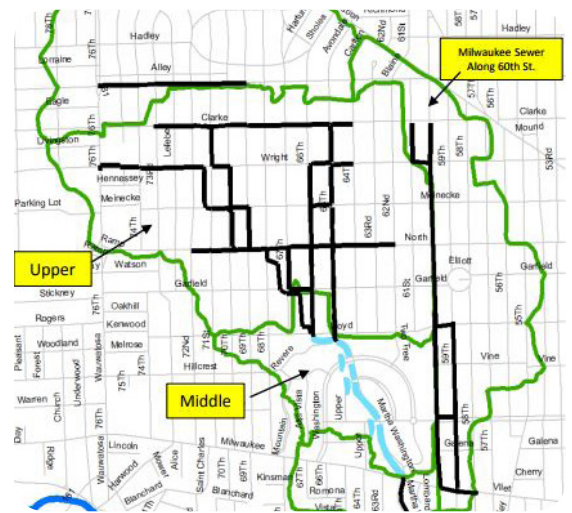


Schoonmaker Creek

SEWRPC's Report Expected Mid-to-Late 2018

Schoonmaker Creek runs underground through Milwaukee and parts of Wauwatosa, eventually ending at the Menomonee River. The City of Wauwatosa, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC), and the Metropolitan Milwaukee Sewerage District (MMSD) have been working together on a comprehensive study outlining possible infrastructure investments to mitigate flooding. A public meeting was held in November 2017 and a copy of this presentation is available on the city's website.

The city expects to receive a final copy of SEWRPC's report mid-to-late 2018 and then will begin our analysis of the options and developing associated costs. This information will then be presented to Wauwatosa's Common Council who will make a decision as to how they would like to proceed.



Apartment Building Proposed

2515 N Wauwatosa Avenue

We have received an application for a 3-story, 27 unit apartment building with 34 underground parking stalls at 2515 N Wauwatosa Avenue. The application is for 3 studio apartments, 20 one-bedroom units, and 4 two-bedroom units, as well as a leasing office, storage units, and bicycle racks. Overnight guest parking is provided for in the parking garage. The proposal will be considered at the following public meetings:

- Plan Commission on January 8
- Public Hearing before City Council on February 20
- Community Affairs Committee on February 27
- City Council on March 5
- If approved, the applicant would need to apply for a final planned unit development (PUD) and this would entail additional meetings.



Stay Informed!

Log on to www.wauwatosa.net for more information.



LIBRARY NEWS

Save the Date for Children's Activities

PBS Storytelling 101 * Sat, Jan 13, 9:30 - 10:30 am

Milwaukee PBS helps you discover the basics of storytelling.

Unforgettable characters, exciting plots, and expressive illustrations make the difference between a good story and a great one. You'll learn about Milwaukee PBS KIDS Young Writers Contest 2018 where you can write your own story. Registration begins January 5. Recommended for grades K5 to 3.

No Monkeys, No Chocolate * Sat, Jan 20, 1:30 - 2:15 pm

Wauwatosa Public Library and Tabal Chocolate will explain how cocoa trees in tropical rain forests rely on the help of animals and other living things that share their habitat. Taste testing included. Registration begins January 12. Recommended for grades K4+.

Kohl's Wild Theater * Sat, Feb 17, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Take an adventure on The Monarch, a futuristic spaceship that will dart through the solar system in the name of science. This 40 minute contemporary musical explores Earth's unique capacity to support life. Concepts presented include planetary science, global climate change, sustainable energy, and more! Registration begins February 9. Recommended for grades 1 to 5.

Download the Library's App Today

Want to stop at the Library and don't have your card? No problem. If you have the Library's app you can use your smartphone instead. Download the CountyCat mobile app from the app store and:

- Log in to use the bar code in app instead of your library card at checkout
- Check your account to review holds or renew items
- Search the catalog and place holds on items
- Discover new and recommended books
- Find events
- Get help via phone, chat, or email



Tax Season is Here

How the Library Can Help

The Library receives a limited supply of Federal 1040, 1040 A, and 1040 EZ forms and instruction booklets. Basic Wisconsin forms and booklets, including the Homestead form are also available. Any additional forms can be printed at the library for \$.10 per page.

Save the Date!

January 12 * 6 - 9 pm
Dinner & a Flick showing E.T.
TOSA Pool Hall

January 18 * 6:30 pm
Evening Rhyme Time
Wauwatosa Public Library

January 25 * 9:30 am
Play Group
Wauwatosa Public Library

January 31
Property Tax Installation #1 Due

February 12 * 6:30 pm
Family Story Time
Wauwatosa Public Library

February 20
Spring Primary Election

February 22 * 6:30 pm
Evening Rhyme Time
Wauwatosa Public Library

February 27 * 9:30 am
Play Group
Wauwatosa Public Library

March 17 * 9 am
Lucky Leprechaun Run
Hart Park

March 31
Property Tax Installation #2 Due

Ways to Engage

ONLINE: Visit us at www.wauwatosa.net

IN PERSON: Visit us Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at City Hall
7725 W. North Avenue | Wauwatosa, WI 53213

BY PHONE: Call us at (414) 479-8900

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